THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSION OF UNICOI COUNTY, TENNESSEE AUGUST 22, 2011

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Unicoi County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session at the Unicoi County Court House on Monday, August 22, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. Present and Presiding, the Honorable Sue Jean Wilson, Chairman, the Honorable Greg Lynch, County Mayor, the Honorable Mitzi Bowen, County Clerk, Doug Shults, County Attorney, and the following Commissioners:

ROLL CALL: Esq. Dwight Bennett, "Yes", Esq. Doug Bowman, "Yes", Esq. Kenneth Garland, "Yes", Esq. Mickey Hatcher "Yes", , Esq. Bill Hensley, "Yes", Esq. James Howell, "Yes", Esq. Loren Thomas, "Yes", Esq. Gene Wilson, "Yes", Esq. Sue Jean Wilson, "Yes".

9- Present

Esq. Gene Wilson opened the meeting with Prayer and the Pledge to the Flag was led by Esq. Loren Thomas.

Agenda Item #4
Approve Minutes

Motion made by Esq. Doug Bowman, said motion seconded by Esq. James Howell that the minutes of July 25, 2011 be approved.

9- Aye

Motion approved.

Agenda Item #5
Recognize Visitors and Citizens

None

Agenda Item #6

Consider Resolution Concerning ARC Funding for the Industrial Park Railroad Spur Rehabilitation

Motion made by Esq. Mickey Hatcher, said motion seconded by Esq. Bill Hensley to approve ARC Funding for the Industrial Park Railroad Spur Rehabilitation. Esq. Gene Wilson addressed the commission "I don't feel taxpayers ought to be liable for that." County Mayor Greg Lynch addressed the commission stating it was the county that originally built the spur line utilizing grant funding with the purpose of serving the industrial park. Because of this the railroad spur is owned by the county which utilized by several business including Poly Pipe and Nuclear Fuel Services. We have made the final cut to receive Appalachian Regional Commission grant funding and the Economic Development Board assisting in the local match. The amount of grant funding being sought for the rehabilitation project is \$80,500.

7- Aye

2- No

Motion approved. (Copy in file)

Agenda Item # 7

Consider Resolution to Adopt the Redistricting Plan for Unicoi County

Motion made by Esq. Kenneth Garland, said motion seconded by Esq. Dwight Bennett to Approve the resolution to adopt the redistricting plan for Unicoi County. Esq. Mickey Hatcher addressed the commission stating he is the only one affected by the redistricting. Not only do I represent the district I represent the people of the county.

9-Aye

Motion Approved (Copy in file.)

Agenda Item #8

Recognize Sarah Bailey-Redistricting Committee

Esq. Sue Jean Wilson addressed the commission stating we will skip agenda item #8 Sarah Bailey has given her presentation during the 5pm meeting.

Agenda Item # 9
Recognize Rick Huskins-Canah Hollow
None

Agenda Item #10

Recognize Marvin Conquest-Arrowhead Estates Subdivision

Mr. Conquest addressed the commission with concerns that there is not fire hydrogen protection in the subdivision of Arrowhead Estates which has made our insurance go up \$400.00. Mr. Conquest stated that the county claims not to have any jurisdiction in our subdivision what so ever but why do we pay county taxes. I wish we could get the county involved in getting us some fire hydrogen in our area. Not just for myself but for the neighbors also. Mr. Conquest asked that the commission look into this because it would relieve us insurance wise.

Agenda Item # 11 Committee Reports

Esq. Doug Bowman stated that there will be a Rafting Committee meeting tonight after the County Commission meeting.

Esq. Sue Jean Wilson stated that the negotiating committee met with the Limestone Cove Fire Department, Ruritan Club and Community Center. The representative from the Ruritan Club was asked which part of the property they wish to have. The committee was told none of it because the roof was falling in on the school, the Fire Department had the other part and the Community Center was in charge. The Community Center has by-laws where they were making special fees for the Ruritan to meet there if they chose which they choose not to do. Esq. Sue Jean Wilson has asked for a copy of the lease that the Citizens Center made to the Fire Department but I have not received that from Ms. Beth Gouge secretary for the Fire Department. We have reached our maximum effort on this particular situation unless the Federal Government comes in and says that the Fire Department grant is illegal we have nothing to worry about with that particular piece of property.

Addendum to the Agenda

Item #1

Consider Appointment of Loren Thomas to the Planning Commission

Motion made by Esq. Dwight Bennett, said seconded by Esq. James Howell to approve the appointment of Loren Thomas to the Planning Commission.

9- Aye

0-No

Motion approved.

Addendum to the Agenda

Item #2

Consider Appointment of Angie Georgeff to the County Records Committee

Motion made by Esq. Kenneth Garland, said motion seconded by Esq. Bill Hensley to approve the appointment of Angie Georgett to the County Records Committee.

9- Aye

0- No

Motion approved.

Addendum to the Agenda

Item #3

Recognize Johnny Day-Re: Property Tax Freeze for the Elderly County Employee Salaries

Mr. Johnny Day addressed the commission on the issue of a tax relief program thru the state that a total of 579 people applied for last year, which they are reimbursed \$132.00. Mr. Day asked the commission to look and consider the Resolution on the Property tax Freeze Program. If you are 65 or base income of \$26,634.00 you would qualify for the tax freeze. Mr. Day handed out copies of the Resolution and the Tennessee Tax Relief Payment.

Addendum to the Agenda Item #4 Raising Jail Fees-Loren Thomas

Esq. Loren Thomas addresses the commission on our current jail fees being \$10 per day, per inmate. Washington County charges \$30 per day and I don't know for sure but the maximum is \$50 per day. This could be a good source of revenue. Esq. Thomas would like to ask the advice of the County Attorney Doug Shults on what the legalities would be on increasing the fees. Mr. Shults stated I did not have the information to research at this time but CTAS provisions set forth the amounts, which the amount has to be comparable with the amount spent. Esq. Mickey Hatcher stated since we can not justify at the present time what the individual cost is per inmate, since the state set \$35 per day that might be a good place to start.

Motion made be Esq. Doug Bowman, said motion seconded by Esq. Gene Wilson that the jail fees are set for \$35 per day, pending research by the county attorney saying that it is ok.

9-Aye

Addendum to the Agenda Item # 5 Flag Pond Post Office- Loren Thomas

Esq. Loren Thomas addressed the commission for the support to keep the Flag Pond Post Office open. The county attorney has drafted a petition in support of the Post Office that is circulating. Mr. Thomas asked that a Resolution in support of the Flag Pond Post Office be drawn up. Chairman Sue Jean Wilson asked County Mayor Greg Lynch to have County Attorney draw up the Resolution for the September meeting.

Agenda Item #12 Elect Notaries

Motion made by Esq. Kenneth Garland, said motion seconded by Esq. Doug Bowman to elect the following notaries: Holly N Blankenship (Shults and Shults Law Office), James S Pate (Unicoi County Memorial Hospital), Janice R Whitson (T&M Used Cars).

8-Aye

0-No

1-Absent

Agenda Item #13

Motion for adjournment

Motion made by Esq. Dwight Bennett, said motion seconded by Esq. Gene Wilson to adjourn the meeting of August 22, 2011.

8- Aye

0- No

1-Absent

GREG LYNCH, COUNTY MAYOR	
MITZI BOWEN, COUNTY CLERK	
SUE JEAN WILSON, CHAIRMAN	